

[54] HIGH VOID VOLUME/ENHANCED  
FIRMNESS TOBACCO ROD AND METHOD  
OF PROCESSING TOBACCO

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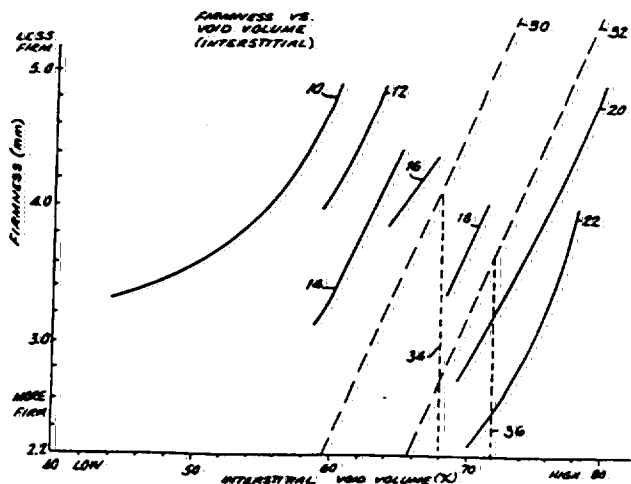
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## [57] ABSTRACT

A tobacco product characterized by improved void volume and firmness characteristics and a method of making a tobacco product by applying binder material to tobacco filler, treating the filler to the extent necessary to cause the filler to become substantially non-tacky, forming a rod, activating the binder and treating the rod to the extent necessary to cause the filler shreds to become bonded to one another.

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